

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 5 with the following rewritten paragraphs:

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-- The present application is a Continuation-In-Part of United States Patent Application Number 09/562,870 filed May 1, 2000 (now abandoned), which is a Continuation of United States Patent Application Number 09/090,118 filed June 4, 1998, now United States Patent 6,080,207 issued June 27, 2000. The present application is also a Continuation-In Part of United States Patent Application Number 09/093,514 filed June 8, 1998, now abandoned. The present application is also a Continuation-In-Part of International Patent Application Serial Number PCT/US99/08095, international filing date April 13, 1999, pending. Said U.S. Patent Application 09/090,118, Patent Cooperation Treaty Application PCT/US99/08095, U.S. Patent Application 09/093,514, and U.S. Patent Application 09/562,870 are herein incorporated by reference in their entirety. The following patent applications are also incorporated by reference in their entirety:

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